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Report from Rangoon, Burma—Plague in Burma during the month of December, 1908.

Consul Wakefield reports, January 11:

There was a marked increase in plague during the month of December, 1908, in the districts of Pegu, Bassein, Henzada, Mandalay, and Yamethin. In Mandalay the number of deaths rose from 64 in November to 336 in December. In Yamethin the number of deaths increased from 15 in November to 101 in December.

The only satisfactory sanitary features of the month are the freedom of Thaton from plague and the continued improvement in Rangoon, where only 7 deaths occurred.

The total number of deaths in the province from plague was 601, as compared with 163 in November of last year and 396 in December, 1907. Excluding Rangoon and the northern Shan States, plague occurred in 15 districts during the month.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox in Naples and Calabria—Status of smallpox in Italy.

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, January 25:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo, week ended January 23.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfect.
Jan. 18	Europa	New York	1,265	50	1,680
22	San Giorgio	do	262	10	550
23	Manuel Calvo	do	243	15	380
	Total		1,770	75	2,610

PALERMO.

Jan. 23	San Giorgio	New York	682	747	214
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Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Smallpox.	Other causes.	Total.
Jan. 18	Europa	40	.....	19	.....	1	5	65
22	San Giorgio	21	1	1	.....	.....	.....	23
23	Manuel Calvo	6	4	10
	Total	67	1	24	1	5	98

PALERMO.

Jan. 23	San Giorgio	24	28	3	55
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Smallpox in Naples.—During the week ended January 24 there were 20 cases of smallpox reported at the health office of the city of Naples.

A case of varioloid was discovered on examination of steerage passengers for the steamship *Europa* on January 18 and was sent to the Cotugno Hospital for contagious diseases. The patient had come directly to Naples on the above date from Sarno, a town about 20 miles distant from Naples.

Smallpox in Calabria.—Thirteen cases of smallpox at Cinquefrondi and two cases at Iatrinoli were reported from the earthquake zone, January 21. A hospital has been established at Cinquefrondi by the Italian Red Cross Society, the patients have been isolated, and vaccination is being carried out as far as possible.

Status of smallpox in Italy.—Week ended January 24. Province of Lucca (Viareggio), 1 case; Potenza, (Castelmezzano), 3 cases; Benevento, (San Giorgio la Molara), 4 cases; Rovigo (Bosaro), 6 cases; Aquila (Erasacco), 1 case; Foggia (Foggia), 22 cases; Lecce (Ericase), 10 cases.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Summary of plague rats at Yokohama, year ended December 31, 1908—Epidemic diseases at Tokyo, years 1907 and 1908—Vaccination—Measures for rat destruction.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, January 20:

The bulletin of the Sanitary Institute reports that during the twelve months ended December, 1908, plague-infected rats were found throughout this Empire as follows: Osaka, 4,168; Hyogo (Kobe) ken, 2,047; Nagasaki ken, 121; Kanagawa (Yokohama) ken, 73; Nara ken, 56. In Tokyo, during the period January to November 30, 1,567,656 rats were examined for plague and none found infected.

In Yokohama there were caught and examined during the year ended December 31, 1908, 443,912 rats, of which 70 were found infected by plague.

Smallpox prevailed from January to May, during which time there were 1,246,400 vaccinations reported by the sanitary authorities in Tokyo.

The following were among the epidemic diseases reported in Tokyo:

Year.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Dysentery.	Diphtheria.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Plague.
1907.....	169	5	575	1,425	1,849	237	1
1908.....	18	1,678	462	1,482	1,661	209	0

Periodical cleaning of houses, together with poisoning by phosphorus and arsenic and the setting of traps, are measures used in the fight against rats.

Examination of emigrants.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia* January 20: For San Francisco, passed 4; for Honolulu, rejected 1; held for observation 1.

Per steamship *Shinano Maru* January 20: For Seattle, passed 12; held for observation 4.